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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

January 4, 2002

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's January 16, 2002 public Board meeting will be held in the Sacramento City Council Chambers, 915 "I" Street (see agenda attached).

I want to draw your attention to the several important items on the agenda:

- For the Sacramento-Bakersfield Corridor, the board will be asked to take action on the staff recommendations, for alignments, and stations locations for further investigation.
- The board will also be asked to take action on revisions to the staff recommendations on alignments, and station locations for the following segments: Los Angeles Union Station-to-LAX, Sylmar-to-Bakersfield (the Tehachapi Mountain crossing), Merced-to-San Jose (Coastal Range Crossing), and Mira Mesa-to-San Diego.
- In addition, staff will present the conclusions on the "Tunneling Summit" conference that was held to gain insight regarding the feasibility, construction methods and costs associated with tunneling in California's mountain passes and the results of the alignment refinements that were done on the mountain pass route alternatives using the "Quantm" optimization software system.

The purpose of the "First Screening" is to focus the environmental studies by narrowing down the number of alignments, station locations, and high-speed train systems for continued investigation in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). Please see the "What's New" and "Environmental Review page" on our website ([www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov)), the First Screening Reports, Alignment and Station Evaluation Reports (including justifications for past decisions) and Scoping Reports have been uploaded to the site.

Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website or by attending our Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed  
Executive Director

